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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) An automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device comprising a detergent bar comprising a detergent composition, a detergent additive, or a detergent composition which includes a detergent additive, said detergent bar disposed within a channel, wherein the detergent bar completely fills at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel and at least a portion of the detergent bar contacts the channel and is not exposed to the wash liquor, the channel having an inlet aperture which is in communication therewith.
- 2.(currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a uniform bore, which along its length or at least along the portion of its length is filled by the detergent bar.
- 3.(previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel is a tube.
- 4.(currently amended) A device according to claim 3 ~~claim 4~~, wherein the tube is cylindrical.
- 5.(previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has one open end which communicates with the inlet aperture.
- 6.(previously presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein the channel comprises a form similar to a drinking glass.
- 7.(previously presented) A device according to claim 1 wherein the channel has a plurality of open ends each of which being in communication with an inlet aperture.

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- 8.(previously presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein the channel comprises a tube both ends of which are open.
- 9.(previously presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein the open end of the channel comprises the inlet aperture.
- 10.(previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a secondary aperture.
- 11.(withdrawn) A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture comprises a slit in the side of the channel.
- 12.(currently amended) A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture is ~~may comprise~~ a plurality of separate apertures.
- 13.(withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein a barrier is arranged around the periphery of the channel.
- 14.(withdrawn) A device according to claim 13, wherein the barrier comprises a sleeve arranged around the exterior of the channel.
- 15.(currently amended) A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is larger than the holes present in a sleeve arranged around the exterior of the channel ~~of the dishwasher sieve~~.
- 16.(previously presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is less than 5mm.

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- 17.(withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises a means to control the amount of wash liquor which contacts the detergent bar.
- 18.(withdrawn) A device according to claim 17, wherein the means comprises a collecting funnel.
- 19.(withdrawn) A device according to claim 18, wherein the collecting funnel has a drainage opening in its collecting portion.
- 20.(previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a water-resistant or water insoluble material.
- 21.(withdrawn) The use of an automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device in an automatic washing machine in an automatic washing machine process, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.
- 22.(withdrawn) An automatic washing machine process, comprising the step of providing to an automatic washing machine a detergent dispensing device, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.